

Kuhlman by naming her a Scholar in 1982. The Foundation seeks to give students a greater opportunity to succeed and to empower teachers. Not only is Mrs. Kuhlman a remarkable teacher, but also greatly involved in countless religious and community service organizations.

Year after year professionals dedicate their lives to the future of America. There is no more important or challenging job than that of our nation's teachers. The job of a teacher is to open a child's mind to the magic of ideas, knowledge, and dreams. Also, teachers are true guardians of the American democracy by instilling a sense of citizenship in the children they teach. Teachers not only educate but also act as listeners, facilitators, role models, and mentors, encouraging our children to reach further than they would have thought possible. Teachers continue to influence us long after our school days are only memories.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that Mrs. Kuhlman's own words ring true on this very special day, "Teaching has always been rewarding, satisfying, and enjoyable. Children are our most important asset. I feel so fulfilled when I can make a difference in a child's life and improve their situation."

CINCO DE MAYO

HON. DAVID E. BONIOR

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 8, 2001

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, this past week-end Mexican-Americans joined our neighbor to the South in celebrating a day dedicated to the recognition of a successful fight for freedom. In Detroit, the Latino community gathered together to celebrate Cinco de Mayo and I want to recognize the Bagley Housing Association, the Mexican Patriotic Committee of Detroit, the El Central newspaper, and the Mexican Town Community Development Corporation for making that celebration possible. Cinco de Mayo is a story of unity, of strength, of faith, and of a country's ability to overcome insurmountable odds.

On May 5, 1862, in the town of Puebla, Mexican General Ignacio Zaragoza led a hastily gathered group of forces to the defeat of the French army, which had not faced defeat in over fifty years. The French outnumbered the Mexican forces by at least two to one and had some of the most superior military training the world had ever seen. Despite all this, the might and spirit of the Mexican people prevailed. After this embarrassing defeat, the French army retreated and took another full year to prepare before they finally took Mexico City. However, Mexican resistance to the French occupation and increasing pressure from the United States forced the French to withdraw after only three years.

The battle that took place on Cinco de Mayo was primarily a battle for freedom. However, I believe that this important day has come to symbolize not only the fight for freedom, but the fight for justice as well.

The growing Latino population in Michigan and in the United States enriches our culture in many ways. One can see the Latino influence in our music, our food, our language, and our art. Their commitment both to their faith and their family is a proud heritage. Be-

cause Latinos have contributed so much to this country, we must fight to protect the rights of Latino citizens and all Latinos in this country. We must continue this struggle for justice in our workplaces, in our schools, and in our communities because, in the words of Benito Juarez, "sooner or later the cause of rights and justice will triumph."

Just as those brave Mexican soldiers overcame overwhelming odds to defeat the French army in 1862, I believe that our Latino population will use their strength, unity, and faith to overcome any obstacle. We must all work together to stop English-only, anti-immigrant, and anti-affirmative action laws. In recognition of this Cinco de Mayo, let us all remember and be inspired by Cesar Chavez who said, "Once social change begins, it cannot be reversed. You cannot uneducate the person who has learned to read. You cannot humiliate the person who feels pride. You cannot oppress the people who are not afraid anymore."

MISSOURI TEACHERS OF THE YEAR

HON. W. TODD AKIN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 8, 2001

Mr. AKIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the "Teachers of the Year" selected in the Second Congressional District of Missouri for their outstanding efforts to educate our children.

A quality education is critical to a child's future. Without good education, a child has no future. Together with parenting and faith, education literally defines a child's future. Among all school-based factors, teacher quality is the most important; that some teachers are much more effective than others with similar students; and that teacher quality may specially affect the achievement of disadvantaged students.

The teachers I rise to commend here today are individuals who have made and are making a difference in the lives of children and in their communities. Quality teachers provide experience, patience, diligence and understanding to the classroom.

In conjunction with National Teacher Appreciation Day, I would like to commend the following teachers who have been recognized by their colleagues for their contributions to education.

FRANCIS HOWELL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Michele Cash, Becky Henkey, Donna McCarrison, Bev Lamunion, Kim Nelson, Molly Hamer, Luanne Heggs, Dave Spies, Vicki Readenour, Michelle Dawson, Dusty Wall, Sandi Lauer, Brenda Kaiser, Sharon O'Donnell, Ray Zahra, Mary Ducheck, and Sue Frain.

CHAMINADE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Stephen M. Fink.

JOHN F. KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL

Chuck Chiodini.

NERINX HALL

Jeffrey Scott Maynard.

URSULINE ACADEMY

Joann Quinn.

LADUE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Sandra Baldwin.

VALLEY PARK HIGH SCHOOL

Bill Hepper.

PARKWAY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Judy Adams, Donna Lohman, Carol Littlefield, Kay Cosgrove, Ruth Brooks, Patricia Paap, Don Furjes, Jacqueline B. Fleck, Linda Favero, Sharon Gaal, Jan Shayne, Jeannine Lueken, Jo Linda Cohen, Lois Copeland, Mary Bumpus, Kathy Preston, Linda Duke, Beth Tucker, Raynard Brown, Elsis Rafferty, Vicky Stricklin, Teresa Schulz, Elmer Kellman, Laurie Morton, Michael Dulick, Robert Walton, and Mike Pratte.

ROCKWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Alison Leibach, Coleen Hulcer, Karen Huber, Kerri Schiavone, Dottie Fundakowski, Sandy Schmucker, Diane Werges, Rebel Falcone, Jan McVicar, Larie Kembitzky, Sandy Kast, Stefanie Steffan, Mary Biere, Elizabeth Bickel, Diane Alonzo, Sherri Owens, Sally Allen Susan Duke, Helen Youngwith, Kevin McColgan, Cindy Hefling, Nancy McGennis, Katie Nease, Susan Christie, Carolyn Baremore, Terri Myers, Michele Rodgers, Jim Cary, and Christine Heerlein.

HAZELWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Angela Selinger, Pam Ogborn, Steve Boemer, Diane Manley, Carolyn Jordan, April Ernst, Linda Goedeker, Lisa McPherson, Jill Metzger, Mary Fridley, Christy Zwenger, Cathy Grindler, Amy Dittmar, Amy Cavato, Kristi Alvord, Brenda Rone, Susan Baker, Susan Schneider, Liz Tabaka, Sandi Grogan, Kyra Haigh, Nicole Pena, Leslie Vaughan, Veronica Clare Lorschach, Sharon Proffitt, Cathy Fuhr, Carrie Ziolkowski, and Kathy Costello.

PATTONVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Janice Majka, Kerry Brown, and Dee Uebel.

RECOGNIZING MR. STEVEN ENGELHAUPT

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 8, 2001

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate and honor a young Ohio student from my district who has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service in his community. Steven Engelhaupt of Dublin, has been named as one of my state's top honorees in The 2001 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program, an annual honor conferred on the most impressive student volunteers in each state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

Mr. Engelhaupt is being recognized for providing, over the past three years, new toys to thousands of children in central Ohio through the Firefighters for Kids toy drive in Columbus. He began the project by collecting used toys and repairing and cleaning them for resale. The cash Mr. Engelhaupt received was then used to purchase new toys which were given to needy children. To date, his efforts have generated over \$24,000 in cash and additional in-kind contributions.

In light of numerous statistics that indicate Americans today are less involved in their communities than they once were, it's vital that we encourage and support the kind of selfless contribution this young citizen has made. Mr. Engelhaupt should be extremely proud to have been singled out from such a large group of dedicated volunteers. I applaud Mr. Engelhaupt for his initiative in seeking to